



Office of the Governor

PROCLAMATION

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO WILDFIRE, DANGEROUS FIRE CONDITIONS AND EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO LIFE, PROPERTY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, a wildfire did erupt at approximately 11:15 am on August 13, 2006 within the County of Natrona, more specifically, Casper Mountain, located within three miles of the city limits of Casper, Wyoming.

WHEREAS, I have determined this ongoing incident is of such severity and magnitude beyond the capability of local and state resources to effectively and efficiently suppress the wildfire and prevent further damage to property and the infrastructure. It is requested supplemental Federal assistance is necessary.

WHEREAS, information as of 12:00 Noon, August 15, 2006 reports 4400 woodland acres, one residence, one out building, and one vehicle have been destroyed with a potential threat to 300 private residences having 50% permanent occupancy. Natrona County officials estimate \$600 million total damage to real property, structures and woodland. The City of Casper and the County of Natrona Emergency Communication towers are situated within the fire area and are subject to destruction. Fire is reaching the city limits of Casper, Wyoming with a population of 51,738 persons, 25,000 private residences and 2,000 retail businesses.

WHEREAS, the above has adversely affected the health, safety, and the economy of the State of Wyoming.

NOW, THEREFORE, acting under and by the virtue of the power vested in me as Governor of the State of Wyoming, I do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Casper and Natrona County and ask that the appropriate state and federal agencies exercise their statutory authority to assist the entities affected. I also direct the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security to assess the damage and direct the appropriate state and federal agencies to assist the affected areas.

This declaration of Emergency shall be continuing in nature and duration. This Declaration will terminate at the end of ninety (90) days unless extended by further Order of the Governor.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF WYOMING THIS THE 15TH DAY OF AUGUST 2006.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dave Freudenthal", is written over the printed name of the Governor.

GOVERNOR